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# TAKES TEAM TO MAKE TRANSITION



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Jay Kesler, David Gyertson and Eugene Habecker lead a legacy for the new Taylor President.

Graphic by Matthew Morse

The Presidential Search Committee has hired an executive search firm

**Becca Robb**  
News Co-Editor

It takes 11 people to replace President Eugene Habecker.

The Presidential Search Committee is comprised of 11 board members, alumni, faculty and staff. They have met twice in the spring to set goals and plan to start reviewing resumes in October.

This year, the committee is working with CarterBaldwin Executive Search, a firm based out of Atlanta, Georgia.

The search process began in

earnest after Habecker's announcement on May 28. CarterBaldwin reports directly to committee chairman Mark Taylor, who then communicates with the other committee members.

"The position is being advertised in nationally prominent periodicals, both print and digital, that are likely to be read by academic leadership and/or diversity candidates," said CarterBaldwin partner Price Harding.

Committee Faculty Moderator Tim Herrmann hopes that CarterBaldwin will allow the committee to focus more on candidates and less on logistics. He said it felt natural to work with the firm.

"We don't feel like we're dealing with outsiders," said Herrmann.

"(CarterBaldwin) knows who we are and what we're about."

As they receive nominations, CarterBaldwin will examine references, launch investigations into candidates' backgrounds and engage candidates in one-on-one meetings. After considering the applications, CarterBaldwin and the committee will narrow the candidates down to approximately ten semi-finalists.

Ultimately, the University is looking for an experienced leader who will bring the community together and engage in campus life.

"We're not just looking for a figurehead," Herrmann said. "We are looking for someone to be part of the community."

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## Important Dates:

Application deadline (preferred):  
September 10, 2015



Final Candidate recommended:  
February 2016



The Big Switch:  
June 1, 2016

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Dates to decide new President.

# More than just the chapel

New outdoor plaza constructed and additions made to stadium

**Cassidy Grom**  
News Co-Editor

Cranes and temporary fences loom near the Rediger Chapel as construction continues on the new student center. However, there are other less-noticed changes near the athletic fields.

The Turner Plaza and additions to the football and soccer stadium greeted students as classes began this week.

The Turner Plaza replaced the concrete walkways outside Odle that were

in "disrepair," according to Vice President for University Advancement Ben Sells. The plaza area features a propane fire pit and sitting area. The plaque nearby states that the plaza "was made possible by a generous gift from the Turner Family Foundation in honor of Paul and Betty Turner."

Paul and Betty Turner are parents of Zeke '00, Jessaca '02, Kylee '04, and Courtney '11 who participated in the athletics program.

In a mid-August email to faculty and staff, President Eugene Habecker said, "(Turner Plaza) provides an area for University gatherings throughout the year as well as for events at Odle

Arena, Turner Stadium, and Winterholter Field. The area will also help accommodate chapel and other events held in Odle this fall."

Before Turner Plaza existed, there were a handful of trees in the area outside of the gymnasium where students often hung hammocks. This summer, those trees were removed.

Ron Sutherland, vice president of business administration, said that most of those trees were already infected with ash borer or tip borer insects that have been a regional problem.

"We didn't take down the trees for that purpose or we didn't have a goal of frustrating that (hammocking process); it is just that the trees were already compromised," Sutherland said.

Eric and Cyndy Turner, the son and daughter-in-law of Paul and Betty Turner, donated money in order to complete the nearby football and soccer stadium. In the southwest corner there is now a pergola on a concrete

incline. Sells said the pergola is reminiscent of the times when spectators would gather on a hill near the south end zone before the stadium was renovated in 2012.

In addition, there is a new press box. It is the same size as the old press box, but has a new design including two outdoor sitting areas. The new press box is divided into more compartments for both home and away media teams.

"(The sitting areas) are not an all-weather type of thing," Sells said. "It works when the weather is conducive to it."

Black mesh with the Taylor University logo now covers the fence parallel to the north end-zone and new brick pillars were added that match the stadium's entrance.

Members of the Turner family will participate in a dedication ceremony for the plaza before the traditional Wagon Wheel game on Saturday. [echo@taylor.edu](mailto:echo@taylor.edu)



Photograph by Hannah Boldt

New sidewalks are part of the new Turner Plaza which includes a firepit.



Photograph by Hannah Boldt

The football and soccer stadium was named Turner plaza.

## Other quick fixes and additions

- Sidewalk to Morris paved
- Tree clearing projects
- Morris Hall sanitary lines fixed
- Tuckpointing on mortar joints on Bergwall
- Enlarged crosswalk in front of the DC
- New entrance to parking lot in front of English
- New LED lights in street lamps, KSAC and Odle
- New chairs in Reade

Graphic by Matthew Morse



TOP FIVE NEWS EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Judge Declines to Drop Charges  
Against 6 Police Officers  
*time.com*

Kentucky clerk won't let deputies issue  
same-sex wedding licenses, stays in jail  
*cnn.com*

Prosecutors to Seek Death Penalty for  
Dylann Roof in Charleston Shootings  
*nytimes.com*

US army to keep elite military  
school open to women  
*aljazeera.com*

Brothers Awarded \$750,000 Each After  
30 Years of Wrongful Imprisonment  
*time.com*

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In May 2015, Taylor adopted a document called Strategic Directions 2026, which outlines Taylor’s goals for the next 10 years. One reason why Taylor is implementing this plan is to lend a strong trajectory to the future leadership.

“I think (Strategic Directions) 2026

will be a real asset,” Herrmann said. “It won’t leave the new president with their hands tied, but it will help them to clearly understand the direction we’re moving in.”

Committee member Tamara Shaya Hoffman is a conflict specialist at the United States Agency for International Development. She

encouraged the future president to be communicative and to foster good relationships.

“During transition periods, it’s possible that miscommunication or a lack of communication can occur,” Hoffman said. “Being upfront about one’s goals and ideas . . . can help alleviate misunderstanding and

promote collaboration.”

Students looking for a way to contribute may consider possible candidates within their own networks. Anyone can submit a nomination form on Taylor’s website at <http://bit.ly/1JRL3Dw>.

Committee member and Provost Jeff Moshier encouraged students to

continue praying over the process and the future president.

“We’re overturning every stone, looking at every sign and every red flag in candidates,” Moshier said. “We want God’s person here. We need the prayers of the student body.”

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Playground to honor Betsy Smith’s legacy



Dr. Dan and Jeanie Smith drove four hours for the construction and dedication service.

Photograph by Mindy Wildman

ReaLife and community members joined forces last weekend to build a playground for the Boys and Girls Club

Brecken Mumford  
Contributor

On Aug. 31, 58 Taylor students, faculty, staff and local volunteers gathered at the Boys and Girls Club of Grant County (BGC) to build the Betsy Smith Memorial Playground.

Sophomore Alexa Ross and senior Landon Stuart are co-directors of ReaLife, a Taylor program that provides dinner, games, activities and a Bible lesson for inner-city kids in Marion. They want to bless the BGC because the club allows ReaLife to use its facility free of charge every Tuesday from 4:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

“We had extra money and decided that we needed to not let this sit in the bank account,” Ross said. “So we asked the Boys and Girls Club what they needed and they said, ‘An

outdoor playground.’”

Before Monday, the BGC lacked an outdoor space for children to play safely. Approximately \$20,000 was provided in donations from The Betsy Run, an annual 5K run in Decatur, Illinois, hosted by friends of Elizabeth “Betsy” Smith—the playground’s namesake.

Betsy Smith, a former Taylor student killed in the April 26, 2006 van accident, served as co-director of ReaLife during her time at Taylor. She was heavily involved in the program and planned to move to Marion after graduation to continue working with ReaLife. Dan and Jeanie Smith, Betsy’s parents, made the four-hour drive from their hometown of Decatur to join the endeavor on Monday.

“This would make Betsy very happy,” Dr. Smith said. “She would be so excited just knowing that people beyond her generation care about needy children.”

Jeanie clarified that these children need love more than anything else. “We wouldn’t have missed it,” she said.

Dr. Smith said it was difficult for Betsy to leave Decatur because she was very involved in the community, but she soon became involved in the community around Taylor. By the time her senior year rolled around, Betsy found it hard to think about leaving campus.

“I said to her, ‘You were crying when you came in and you’ll be crying when you come out—but you’ll be okay!’” said Dr. Smith. “But as it turns out, God had other plans. She didn’t leave Taylor. She went straight from Taylor to heaven.”

The Smiths mentioned how supportive and loving they believe the Taylor community has been in handling their loss of Betsy and continuing the work she and others developed.

“They’re intentional about being a family,” said Jeanie Smith. “All their logos and branding (are) actually true, as opposed to just being the logo or something that sounds good. They’re living out (who) they say they are.”

The playground was dedicated around 2:30 p.m. Everyone gathered around in a circle and prayed over the area and the children who would be using it.

“This isn’t about mourning Betsy’s death,” Alexa Ross said. “This is about celebrating what she did for the community.”

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Fifty-eight volunteers gathered to honor Betsy Smith and help the Boys and Girls Club.

Photograph by Mindy Wildman

In The Loop

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Main Street Marion's First Friday	7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Community Plunge Eye- glasses Sorting	4 p.m. - 10 p.m. LaborFest 2015	3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Lyric Theater	6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Love on a Leash	9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteer at the Salamonie	5 p.m. - 8 p.m. OIP Barbeque
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AROUND THE WORLD



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Donald Trump Signs Loyalty Pledge to Republican Party. (New York Times)



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Turkey extends mandate to send troops to Syria if needed to wage war against the Islamic State (IS). (Reuters)

China's parade marks victory over Japan. (BBC)



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South America: Guatemala's president quits, faces charges of graft scandal. (Reuters)



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Photo provided by BBC

Europe struggles to deal with increasing migrant issues. (BBC)



Photo provided by Reuters

Iran's Khamenei backs parliamentary vote on nuclear deal with powers. (Reuters)

Shooting for campus safety

Why some students feel safer with a gun

Tom Gbean  
World/National Editor

On April 16, 2007, Seung-Hui Cho, a Virginia Tech student, killed two of his peers in a dorm, then killed 30 more students a few hours later in a classroom building before killing himself. It was characterized as the deadliest rampage shooting in U.S. history.

On Sept. 27, 2014 a 20-year-old Indiana State University student shot another student inside a residence hall.

According to the Independent Journal, America has the sixth most deadly and most frequent rate of rampage shootings in the world. Other countries on the top 10 list include Finland, Norway, Slovakia, Israel and Switzerland.

On August 25, 2015, Alison Parker, a reporter for WDBJ-TV, and her cameraman Adam Ward, were shot by Vester Flanagan while recording live. Flanagan

was a fired employee who had a history of conflicts at work. CNN reports that the killings were revenge killings and that Flanagan shot himself after his crime.

Amidst news such news, Taylor students, like seniors Dakota Ellis and Taylor Eaton, and junior Wes Morgan express concerns about the security on campus because of the openness of the facilities. The dorms are unlocked from 11 a.m. and are left open until midnight. Desk workers monitor who goes in and out of the building when they are on duty.

In Hodson Dining Commons, two people are placed at the top of the staircase to check for a valid identification card necessary to eat. All the academic buildings are left unlocked for the use of students and faculty until 2:00 a.m. when the on-duty officer locks them.

Taylor students joke about safety, since the university is in the middle of a cornfield, but the threat of gun violence is still a possibility.

Junior Wes Morgan had a

traumatic experience at his high school in Muncie, Indiana that shaped his views of guns and gun ownership.

"When I was a senior in high school we were placed in lockdown for hours because of a bank robbery that took place just a few miles out from where we were," he said. "It was one of the scariest things that I have had to face."

To assuage the fear of gun violence at Taylor, Chief of Police Jeff Wallace noted that campus police is fully prepared to handle emergencies.

"I feel very confident that we are providing a safe environment and not just because we are a small town in the middle of a cornfield," said Wallace. "We take measures and precautions that are not only conducive to good and effective learning, but we also try to be mindful of what is going on in the world that can impact any community."

There are several on-duty police officers patrolling campus 24/7. The officers in charge of campus

safety receive the same training as the Indiana state police and update their training continuously. They also work closely with the Upland police department and other local departments to share information regarding crime.

Taylor also has an alarm system in the dorms that blares when the doors are propped open after 10 p.m. Along with the dorm alarm system, other emergency systems are readily available to alert students about possible intruders and inclement weather situations. One such system is the TU Alert phone app that everyone is encouraged to download. TU Alert is meant to inform students and faculty about potentially dangerous situations.

Not all the students at Taylor feel as if Taylor is inherently unsafe. Senior Dakota Ellis noted that he believes that campus is a safe place to be. He said that he had not heard of any crime taking place near or on Taylor's campus. Ellis believes that if a student wishes to own a firearm he they should be properly instructed.

"I remember when I got my first gun," Ellis said. "I walked around the house with it empty for about a week. Eventually I learned to

respect the tool and not be afraid of it. I think everyone who wishes to have a gun should be trained and continue training."

It is against school policy for students to possess firearms on its premise. However, students are not banned from having them at their homes or from learning how to shoot away from campus. Students such as Ellis, Eaton and Morgan see their familiarity with guns as a way to stay vigilant in order prepared for emergencies. Even though Taylor students are not permitted to own firearms on campus, Taylor is guarded by a group of officers who are well trained and equipped.

Wallace shared a bit of his experience and familiarity with guns.

"I grew up around guns. I have been around them my whole life. My father owned guns and I have been a police officer for 27 years," he said. "But Taylor University is a private institution that has banned the possession of firearms by students on its premises, so that is against the rules for them to have. However, a lawful possession of firearms off Taylor's campus I don't see a problem with."

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A long-awaited return

Eckerle steps back on the mound

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The game begins and the pitcher stands on the mound ready to throw the first pitch. This may seem like an everyday sight in the world of college baseball, but for freshman Zak Eckerle, this is a dream that once seemed impossible.

Eckerle has played baseball since Little League, but after some physical issues during his freshman and sophomore year of high school, his elbow blew out during his junior year while he pitched a tournament game.

"Right when I blew it out, I knew what had happened because the main symptom is (that) your fingers go numb," Eckerle said. "I couldn't even get it to home plate and I was throwing as hard as I could."

It was at this point that he knew he'd need surgery if he ever wanted to pursue his dreams of playing in college. Tommy John surgery, the namesake of the first professional baseball player to receive the procedure, was his best hope of getting back on the mound.

"It's getting to become a problem," Eckerle said. "The overhead motion of throwing something is the most awkward and unnatural position in all of sports."

While the surgery would allow him to return to pitching, the lengthy recovery process resulted in his decision to hold off on surgery until after graduation, which allowed him to finish out his senior year playing baseball and basketball alongside his close friends and teammates.

His love for his team outweighed his love for pitching during his senior year as he stepped down from the mound and played second base—a short throw to first.

Once his final year of high school came to a close, Eckerle made the difficult decision to undergo Tommy John surgery—which included a 12-month minimum recovery process. His parents promised to support him emotionally and financially whether or not he decided to have the surgery.

If he was going to pursue his dream of playing college baseball, he wanted to ensure he went to a surgeon with an impeccable reputation. Eckerle's pitching coach and former Colorado Rockies pitcher Zach McClellan recommended he see Timothy Kremchek, the head orthopedic surgeon for the Cincinnati Reds.

The medical term for the surgery is ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction. It involves replacing the damaged elbow ligament with a tendon from another place in the body. In Eckerle's case, the tendon was taken from his right leg.

"Not everyone comes back from Tommy John, but I was lucky enough that it worked and I came back," Eckerle said. "The success rate a long time ago was not very high. A lot of guys actually come back stronger and better because their arm is more durable."

In August 2013, Eckerle underwent his long-awaited surgery. At this point, he began a two-year rehabilitation process, during which he took general classes at Ivy Tech community college, near his hometown of Solisberry, Indiana.

Shortly after his surgery, Eckerle's mom found an article online of a man who came back after injuries during college and made it to the big leagues. Later, he opened a fortune cookie that said, "Never let obstacles stand in the way. Always pursue your dreams." He taped these reminders to the front of his bedroom door, so that he would be encouraged to keep fighting every time he walked by. It was this inspiration that led him to share his story with others who may be struggling with similar discouragement, in hopes that it would strengthen them to overcome challenges of their own.

McClellan, a good friend of Taylor baseball coach Kyle Gould, connected Eckerle with Taylor's baseball team. During the summer, he took to the mound and pitched in a game setting for the first time in three years,

earning Gould's support and a scholarship to Taylor.

In order to determine his eligibility, he had to go through the NAIA clearinghouse. After telling them he had barely played summer baseball since high school, he was granted four years of collegiate baseball eligibility, despite his academic status as a junior.

Tuesday was Eckerle's first day of practice with the Taylor team and his determination and care for his teammates is already evident. He sits in the KSAC and waves to his teammates as they pass

by, asking how their practice went and is never slow to offer an encouraging word—even offering his ice pack to a freshman teammate.

Eckerle's Taylor experience is just getting started, as he pursues a degree in Business Management. While his collegiate baseball career has yet to be in full swing, his determined spirit and encouraging demeanor have already had an impact on the lives of those around him—both on and off the field.

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Photograph by Shannon Smagala

Freshman baseball player Zak Eckerle returns to pitching after three years.



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WAYS TO LOVE YOUR ROOMMATE

Share the room and the love

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Whether you’ve known your roommate your whole life or just a few days, living closely together can be a challenge. School is stressful and dorm life tends to bring out the weirdest parts of people. So if you’re starting to think “I can’t live with this person,” here are some creative ways to rekindle the roomie love.

1. Watch a TV show together

A shared show is friendship at its finest. Nothing brings people together like saying, “Want to go back and watch Netflix?” after a big social event. Pick a show with your roommate and commit to always watching the latest episode with them. The bond that comes from a mutual love of “Friends” is nearly supernatural.

2. Ask and listen

You might feel like you know your roommate pretty well because you live with them. But knowing their morning routine is a lot different than knowing the state of their heart. Ask them how they are, and ask them why. Care for the dull and the exciting. Anyone can listen to a thrilling pick-a-date debacle but listening to awkward, ordinary stories is love.

3. Offer words of affirmation

Insecurity is pretty much a problem for everyone, all the time. Affirm your roommate in their major. Affirm them in their gifts. When they’re feeling embarrassed, show them all the reasons why they’re good with people. Be genuine and specific. Encouragement after a hard day of messing up is welcome relief.

4. Make sure they’re awake

They may hate you in the

moment, but their 8 a.m. lab grade will thank you later. Try to make a pact and keep each other accountable for getting up on time. The degree of force you need to use will vary depending on your roommate’s stubbornness. Whether it takes a gentle whisper or near-violent shaking, make sure your roommate knows early on that it’s all in love.

5. Share your food

A communal bag of M&M’s is the purest form of affection. You can still have your own personal stash,

but designating shared food is critical to the cultivation of a loving, lasting relationship. Sharing really is caring . . . especially when it involves those muffins your mom sent you.

6. Hug them

Just do this a lot. When it’s a good day and when it’s a bad day. When you’ve been apart for a weekend or an hour. This small act of kindness is good not only for your roommate, but also for you. If your roommate isn’t that touchy, that’s okay too. Candy or cards are just as sweet.

7. Hang out with them outside of the room

To love is to take a holistic interest in another person. Support them in their hobbies. Go to their games and shows. Go to the store with them, sit by them at lunch and meet their parents when they visit. Go out and love your roommate all the time, not just in the room.

8. Leave notes

Big test? Good hair day? Solid pillow talk last night? Leave them a note where they’ll see it and tell them you’re glad to be living with them. It doesn’t matter if they already know. It’s the thoughtful little things that strengthen your love. If you hardly know your roommate or you’re kind of scared of them, this is still a good habit to form. A sticky note on a mirror never hurt anyone.

9. Be considerate

Don’t slam the door when you go to the bathroom in the middle of the night. Turn your light off, talk on the phone in the lounge, and be careful with their clothes. These actions are practical, though sometimes inconvenient. But huge love is often found in small gestures of kindness.

10. Pray for them.

Be sensitive to what your roommate is struggling with. Know his or her life and what’s happening. Seek out his or her needs and ask God to give them wisdom and rest.

And keep thanking Him for putting you two together . . . and for that communal bag of M&M’s.  
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Junior Sam Moore and sophomore Brode Brueker complete each other.

Photograph by Jessica Nesselrodt

Eating local in the cornfields

Great places around Taylor to get locally grown food

Lindsay Robinson  
Life & Times Co-Editor

Being in the middle of cornfields influences the culture at Taylor. With an increase in health-conscious living, buying local produce is a growing trend across America. In the heart of farm country, Taylor students are also finding new ways to eat local.

One way to get local produce is by supporting Victory Acres. Through a program called Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), students pay a membership fee to the farm and receive locally-grown food in return. According to Victory Acres Master Farmer, Terry Himelick, the program gives members a chance to get involved and volunteer at the farm.

“It is more than just getting vegetables and beef—it’s actually a community,” Himelick said.

Another great place to get local food is by visiting farmers’ markets. Here, farmers from across the county can bring their produce and baked goods directly to consumers. This gives buyers a delicious array of food choices, sometimes at better prices than they’d find at a supermarket.

Nearby farmers’ markets include the Upland Farmers’ Market located in the Depot Park parking lot from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

on Fridays. In Gas City, there’s a farmers’ market east of McDonald’s on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Upland’s newspaper, “The SEG-way,” publishes details about local farmers’ markets each week.

While farmers’ markets are organized events, local farmers also set up stands on the side of the road. A delicious find may be just an adventurous drive away.

*“It is more than just getting vegetables and beef—it’s actually a community,”*

Senior Sammie Cragun often visits a local farm run by Dan and Cheryl Spencer on County Road 300 S. outside Upland.

“Honestly, I just go over there to hang out. . . they’re so nice,” Cragun said.

Spencer Farms sells sweet corn, apples, squash and other vegetables, depending on what’s in season. In the fall, the farm sells pumpkins, which the Spencers gladly allow visitors to pick themselves. They also run a farm stand off State Highway 5.

Homegrown is hard to get at college, but Taylor students are finding ways to eat healthy and be involved in the community. Eating local is about people changing their habits and become educated about how their food gets from the farm to the plate.

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Victory Acres produce offers great options for students who want to eat local.

Photograph by Jessica Nesselrodt



Health-conscious students can find great local food options.

Photograph by Jessica Nesselrodt



# Upland treasures

Making the most of your garage sale experience

**Keeton Yescott**  
Contributor

After a week of living in your dorm, apartment or house, the time has come to begin seriously decorating those empty, boring walls. Luckily, this

Saturday is the Upland garage sales, and “space fillers” will be sold at reasonable prices. For people who aren’t familiar with garage sale shopping,

there are a few things to keep in mind before venturing out into the craziness of Saturday’s sales.

First and most important, do not assume that the people putting on these garage sales will have a way for their buyers to pay electronically, so bring old-fashioned, hard cash.

Begin shopping with a solid

idea of what you need. That way, when sifting through tables of non-necessities like that super-cool glow-in-the-dark elephant lamp, you can resist the temptation to buy.

Remember, bargaining is key. Garage sale prices are generally as good as you can get. But just like many retailers, garage-salesmen sometimes overprice their items too. Most people having garage sales are more concerned with getting rid of items than making a fortune, so if the price seems too high, ask for a lower one!

*Begin shopping with a solid idea of what you need. That way, when sifting through tables of non-necessities like that super-cool glow-in-the-dark elephant lamp, you can resist the temptation to buy.*

The annual garage sales are a Taylor tradition and an Upland favorite. “I like biking the garage sales with friends,” senior Taylor Hillegonds says. “I think it’s fun to jump from house to house and see a little glimpse of each family’s life.”

So if you were worried about what to do this Saturday morning, worry no more! The Upland garage sales have come to the rescue. Take coffee and friends for a guaranteed good time, and be prepared to find some awesome and unique pieces.

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Photograph by Shannon Smagala

Garage sale treats for cheap.

# Challenge by choice

Set a date

**Malaina Yoder**  
Contributor

Welcome back to Taylor, a community of intentional busyness.

During this year’s Residence Life bike trip, people began to say “challenge by choice,” a phrase I loved and wrestled with during training.

We were encouraged to set self-motivated goals. One of those goals was not over-committing and making time in our schedule for relationships. This involves intentionally creating challenges to grow from throughout the year.

This week’s challenge by choice: set a date. Set a specific time to commit to something new. Give yourself time and space to recognize your passions and limits.

It’s the beginning of the school year and everyone has new things to sign up for and relationships to start. This campus goes through two stages. During the September stage, students say yes to everything. As a result, the October stage includes an extraordinary lack of sleep and several emotional breakdowns.

Many choose to commit to an activity or relationship in the first few weeks. The Freshman Frenzy is real. The heavy push for involvement at the beginning of the year is helpful, but sometimes overwhelming. Many commitments start on the end of a summer high, but expire as quickly as a free Netflix trial.

Taylor culture is often busy because saying no to good things

is hard. We audition for a music group to express truth and beauty, we join intramurals for competitive community and we take full advantage of activities both on and off campus that will further our callings. We want to change the world both now and in the future. We want to do everything because all of it is needed.

We aren’t often told we can’t do something. Christ can work through us in anything we do, but we aren’t physically capable of doing everything.

According to Luke 5:16, “Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray.” Even Jesus, bearing the most important ministry in the world, took a step back. He didn’t commit to physically healing every person on earth.

So take your time. Maybe wait a month to volunteer at BASSYCS Jr. after being sure it won’t physically hurt to wake up for a 7 a.m. lab because of the previous night’s workload.

And if you met your soulmate in O-Group last week, consider waiting to set an actual romantic date for a month or two. If it’s the right thing to do now and you’re planning your marriage, that’s fine. But it’ll still be right in a month and you’ll have more time to order your cake, flowers and rings.

Imagine what our campus would look like if we waited to commit. What if students weren’t in a constant state of exhaustion? We could be intentional about relationships rather than activities.

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## #TaylorU’s TOP TWEETS

**Darius Farmer** @Darius\_Farmer  
“How many levels are there?” -one freshman to another on the first day of school. (I’m sure they were talking about class though) #tayloru

**Tobi Ballantine** @tobiballantine  
My favorite thing about living in an apartment is not having to say hi to six different people on my way to the bathroom. #tayloru

**Gretchen Nussbaum** @TheBaumSquad  
When MaryLou teaches you how to ride a Segway in the Olson lobby... What is life. #tayloru

**Emily Welch** @emily\_welchh  
Most schools have a pep rally to get their students pumped... Taylor has a communion service. I just love TU. Tonight was awesome #tayloru

**Sam Moore** @SamMooreMusic  
First day of junior year and I forgot to check what room my class is in. I’m doing college right. #tayloru

**Alex Hunter** @Alex\_Hunter2  
I could get use to this whole “college with no classes” thing #tayloru

**Savannah Chambers** @Savy\_Lynn  
Responsibility is buying your own toilet paper #TaylorU #offcampus

**Grace Foltz** @GFoltzinator  
My hall director: “I don’t want to...you know... get all up in your grill...” #tayloru #allhallmeetings #why

## Echograms #TaylorU Instagram



@casslouwerse: 1SE freshies diving in. #communityplunge #TaylorU



@dmadams8: Beginning a new adventure with these gems tomorrow. #tayloru #mahe #cohort9 #9isfine





Senior Zachary Cook and junior Grace Bolinger hand out flyers for their show on the streets of Scotland.

Photograph provided by Grace Bolinger

## Taylor troupers overseas

Taylor's Theatre Touring Troupe leaves their mark in Scotland

Danielle Barnes  
Staff Writer

Rather than enjoying a relaxing summer break, members of Taylor's theatre department were hard at work and on the move. This past summer, nine student actors packed their bags and traveled across the globe to the charming land of Scotland to present a type of applied theatre called Playback.

The Theatre Touring Troupe, led by Managing and Artistic Director of Taylor Theatre Tracy Manning, is a group of Taylor student actors who specialize in improvisation. These students request personal stories from the audience and re-enact them in skits with genres ranging from comedy to tragedy.

“Either way, we're trying to preserve the integrity of the story,” said senior Zach Cook, troupe member.

The Theatre Touring Troupe was invited to Edinburgh by Fergus McDonald. McDonald has connections with President Eugene Habecker and was interested in engaging Scripture into improvisational theatre.

McDonald asked the troupe to attract an audience to his church and perform for them. The troupe was also involved in Edinburgh Festival Fringe, a collection of live theatrical performers and artists from around the world, and served as what Cook described as “one Christian show in a sea of artistic and secular performances.”

“We went on each other's shoulders to hand out flyers and put on a few street performances,” said junior Grace Bolinger.

Senior Nate Aeilts had a run-in with a French girl while handing out flyers.

“She simply could not believe that we were handing out flyers for a Christian or religious odd event,” he said. “She mentioned that that's something you would never dream of seeing in France.”

According to Aeilts, this type of interaction made the long hours of advertising worthwhile.

When the group wasn't performing, they were touring Scotland. Cook and Bolinger especially enjoyed climbing Arthur's Seat, a large mountain adjacent to the city. The group decided to make the ascent the day they arrived in Scotland. Despite their jet lag, they were determined to make it to the top.

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Having returned to Taylor, the Playback troupe is already gearing up for future performances for student audiences. Their first scheduled event, called “Out of Darkness” will be on Oct. 9 and 10.

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## We heart summer

Summer Heart band comes to Taylor

Rachel Erskine  
Contrinutor, IFC Member

There's always a note of nostalgia that comes with the end of summer. It's a special time— one that makes you think of driving with the windows rolled down, summer air pouring into your lungs.

Whether you're cruising across the country or across town, it's practically impossible to resist the joy of summer. Summer is freedom and sun-kissed skin. It is beaches, bonfires and lighting bugs filling your backyard.

Summer Heart's sound is all of this wrapped together with fun beats and whimsical lyrics. It is that nostalgia and desperation for sunshine, tank tops and long vacations.

The solo project of David Alexander, a singer-songwriter from Sweden, one-man-band Summer Heart describes itself as “spaced out homemade lo-fi grunge dreams with swaying psychedelic pop sounds spiced with nostalgia and some hopeful vibes.” Only upon listening to the band can one realize the accuracy of this description.

Summer Heart burst into the independent music scene in 2009 before releasing its first album in 2011. With two full-length albums and five

singles and EPs, Alexander has been making a name for himself. His music has been in television shows such as “Whitney” and “Teen Wolf,” and has been used by several other TV and movie production companies.

To end summer and kick off the school year, IFC will be hosting Summer Heart on Sept. 10 in the Union. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale on Sept. 8, priced at \$3 for Taylor students and \$5 for the general public. They will be sold at the door the day of the show, at the top of the Dining Commons, and in the Union during lunch and dinner hours.

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Summer Heart is the sound of the season

## Money movies

Grading the summer's box office hits

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A&E Editor

This summer on the silver screen, Tom Cruise saved the world for the 86th time while California broke in half for the first. While over 50 films hit theatres between May and August, only a few were able to rack up enough tickets sales to rise to the ranks of a successful summer blockbuster.

Ultimately ruling the box office were unconventional heroes and annoying, overall-wearing Tic Tacs from hell. So before you nab these films on DVD or download them, here is our take on four of the summer's top money-makers.



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Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard face genetically engineered dinosaurs in “Jurassic World.”

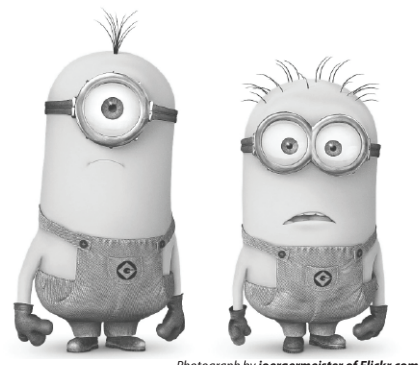
**Jurassic World**  
Gross: \$643,579,580  
Grade: B

Fourteen years after the disastrous Jurassic Park III sent dino-fans running, the

franchise's producers are once again tried to relive their prehistoric triumph. And according to the box office results, they succeeded.

This summer's highest grossing movie stars Chris Pratt as Owen Grady, a velociraptor trainer and the main reason “Parks and Rec” fans everywhere pretended to like dinosaurs for a couple of hours. In the story, a few decades after the original dinosaur theme park on Isla Nublar epically crashed and burned, a new super-park called Jurassic World dazzles crowds. Unsurprisingly, greedy businessmen and scientists try to boost park revenue by engineering a dangerous new creature, the Indominus Rex, which destroys the park in minutes.

Sure, the plot is routine, the characters are bland and the park spins into complete chaos so quickly you begin to wonder how it possibly survived for so many years in the first place, but the film is undeniably fun. Director Colin Trevorrow doesn't let the film take itself too seriously and instead focuses on dino-on-dino fighting and suspenseful velociraptor chase scenes. While “World” pays homage to the first film, it also reminds audiences how much the newest installment falls short of the original.



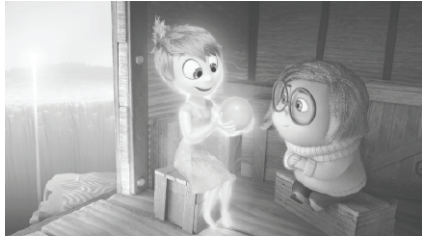
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The leads of “Minions” may melt your brain.

**Minions**  
Gross: \$325,377,915  
Grade: D+

If you thought the Minions were annoying in the first movie of the “Despicable Me” franchise, turn and run while you still can. Watching “Minions” as an adult is kind of like being trapped on the “It's a Small World” ride for an hour and a half with the robot children singing in reverse. But with one of the highest grossing animated films of the summer, the creators clearly did something right.

This “Despicable Me” prequel follows the yellow, pill-shaped bundles of gibberish as they shriek and waddle through history seeking the ultimate villain to serve. Combining a talented voice cast including Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm and Michael Keaton with surprisingly morbid themes of torture and accidental murders (there's a scene where the minions steal a funeral wreath from a grieving family and wear it as a hat), the film ultimately accomplishes what it sets out to do—and that's to appeal to children, ages fetus and up.



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Amy Poehler and Phyllis Smith personify joy and sadness in “Inside Out.”

**Inside Out**  
Gross: \$344,824,515  
Grade: A

For animation-lovers who prefer their brains unscrambled, Pixar's latest creation is a worthy choice. Shying away from the fart jokes and ear-piercing noises of the Minions, this film focuses on the emotional mechanisms that make us human, providing an intelligent conversation about depression and sadness that both children and adults can enjoy.

In the film, a young girl's emotions of Joy, Sadness, Disgust, Fear and Anger are personified by a brilliantly-matched voice cast, including Amy Poehler, Mindy Kaling and Bill Hader. When things go awry and Joy and Sadness get separated from the rest of the emotions, the two opposing characters must work together to comfort the girl and restore balance to the emotional chaos.

The animation itself is stunning, but the character development, heartfelt musical score and thought-provoking themes of vulnerability and honesty are what make this film notable beyond its visuals.



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Paul Rudd becomes an insect-sized superhero in “Ant-Man.”

**Ant-Man**  
Gross: \$169,812,485  
Grade: A-

When your protagonist is an insect-sized hero, you can't take yourself too seriously. Thankfully “Ant-Man” manages self-deprecation without sacrificing the storyline. The latest installment in the vast Marvel superhero library, this film follows ex-burglar Scott Lang, played by the capable Paul Rudd, as he is enlisted to save the world from evil by becoming a speck with superpowers.

With a premise this ridiculous, the film's comedic element needs to be balanced and Rudd aptly delivers, maintaining a quippy attitude without becoming the goofball character he has been in films like “Anchorman.” The cast and crew work hard to include jokes and an attitude of self-awareness without going as far into the realm of comedy as a project like “Guardians of the Galaxy,” where nearly everything is a gag. Director Peyton Reed adds a unique perspective to the project that results in memorable scenes and creative storytelling.

With enough seriousness and suspense to ground the film as a true action flick, “Ant-Man” does the impossible— making ants almost likable for an hour and a half.

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# On the 90 percent

Considering implications of an egalitarian perspective

**Veronica Toth**  
Contributor

Last semester, I found myself a part of quite a few conversations about gender—productive, kind and meaningful conversations which I loved. Campus-sponsored movie viewings, especially, did a great job of sparking dialogue. An interesting fact from the documentary *The Mask You Live In*: psychologically, males and females overlap 90 percent of the time. This leaves a meager 10 percent of psychological gender difference—a 10 percent that is often exaggerated, exploited and used to stereotype.

This information reinforced something I’ve been convinced of for a long time: our relationships would be much healthier if we were to treat each other as people first.

Although this might sound ridiculously simple, it is not a practice that the church has traditionally embraced. Instead, men and women are often discussed separately in sermons, with their own corresponding sets of temptations and strengths. The issue is that few of us, if any, fit perfectly into these divisions. Yet these gender roles are perpetuated as the biblical way to be, so we try to

squeeze ourselves (and others) into gendered boxes.

I think it’s important for us to land on a theological position that is as livable as it is biblically sound. If Christianity is a fulfilling and holistic sort of truth, we must be able to hold its doctrines with our hearts as well as our minds. Consulting a template of biblical manhood or womanhood before making decisions is often stilted and exhausting. Many times, I’ve thought the absence of gender roles would be a profoundly freeing existence, allowing all of us to live as whole human beings.

Many of us are familiar with the complementarian-egalitarian discussion. The complementarian view holds that men and women should fill specified gender roles. A perspective that rejects the gender expectations placed on men and women would be considered egalitarian. There are excellent and biblical reasons for holding both positions and there are a diversity of honorable ways to live under both. However, I personally believe that egalitarianism best reflects the complexity of humans and human relationships.

There is a particular ramification to this approach which we should keep thinking deeply and empathetically about: does the logic of egalitarianism lead to an approval of

homosexuality? Some friends and I have been discussing this question recently, and no one seems to have a simple or ready answer. To be clear, I don’t think this is a reason to reject egalitarianism any more than confusion about quantum mechanics (how can a particle be in two places at the same time?) justifies rejecting the entire discovery.

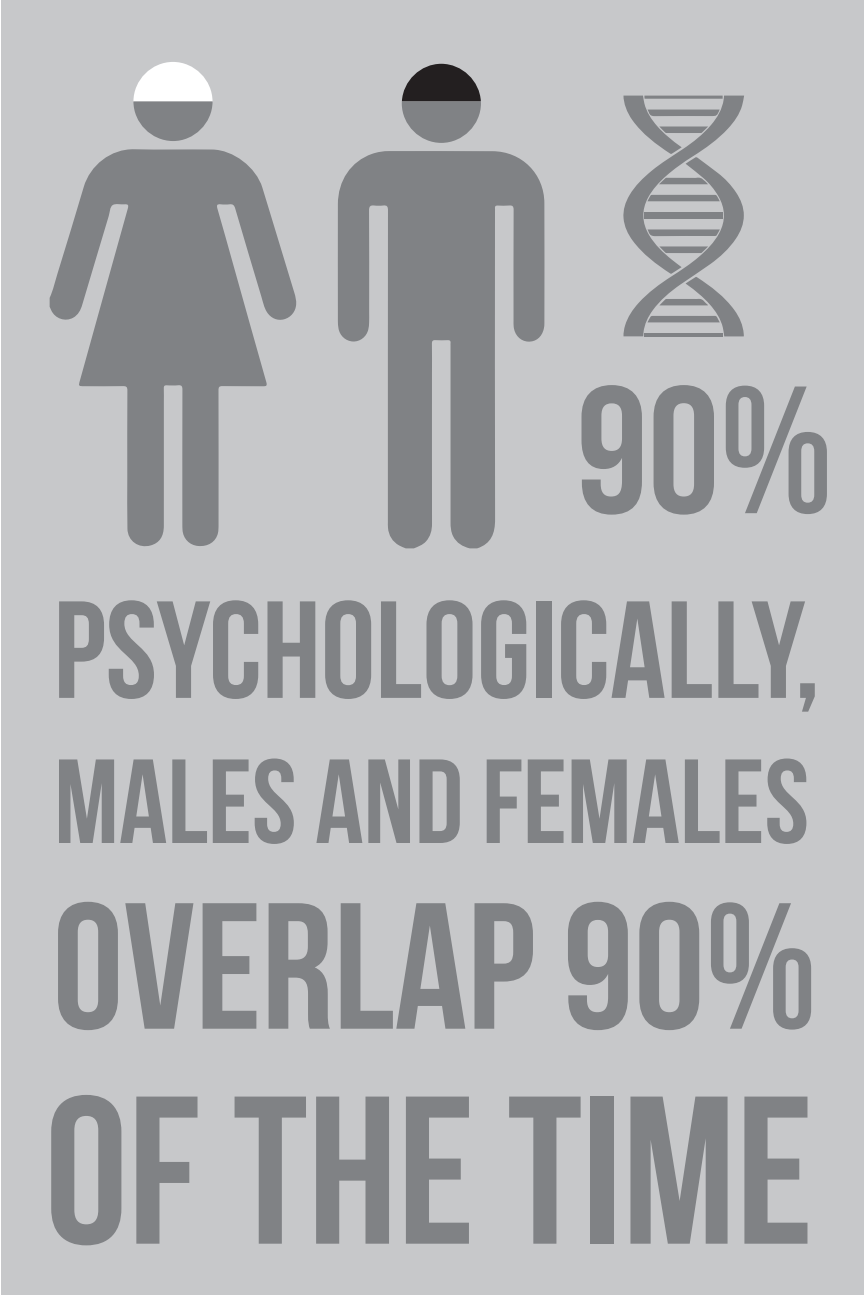
To explain this reasoning a little further: for an egalitarian, the differences between men and women are primarily physical. In every other way, men and women are seen as having the same end in life and the same ability to fulfill any duty in marriage. In fact, marriage may be best described as a loving partnership between two individuals whose “roles” are not predefined.

This understanding of gender seems to erode our traditional rationale for considering the practice of homosexuality impermissible. In egalitarian thought, a man and a woman do not complete one another in marriage because of their gender but rather through their unique individual capabilities.

We have thinking and rethinking to do about the interpretation of homosexuality passages in the Bible and about what exactly our physical bodies are meant for.

But I think that recognizing the fundamental similarities of personhood between men and women is a good first step for loving people well. That is a doctrine both my heart and mind can fully embrace.

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Men and women are polar opposites—or are they?

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## Victory in violence

Moral pursuit of racial justice

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Reading through the hashtag #IfIDie-InPoliceCustody this summer was sickening. It would be disheartening enough if this were considered in theory, but those tweets were legitimate instructions based on the very real threat of death black America faces from the criminal justice system. In light of this, it seems natural to consider what means are moral in the fight for justice.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had quite a bit to say about the morality of violence. He believed the moral strength of the movement for civil rights would be the key to its victory. Only if non-violence was embraced would America come to see the absolute injustice it had committed. I do not question his wisdom, but I do wonder whether non-violence remains the best or only strategy towards racial justice.

## Opting out

Navigating the intersection of art and faith

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Each year, Duke University assigns voluntary summer reading to its incoming freshman class. This year, Duke freshman Brian Grasso told\* his class, via Facebook, that he wouldn’t be reading this year’s book—Alison Bechdel’s illustrated memoir *Fun Home*—for moral reasons. (The memoir describes the author’s struggle to come to terms with her homosexuality and includes two illustrations of sex or masturbation.)

“I feel as if I would have to compromise my Christian beliefs to read this book . . . (because of its) graphic depictions of sexuality,” Grasso wrote.

The story quickly circulated around the Internet. Soon, Grasso’s post was at the center of a discussion about the purpose of art and its relationship to morality.

Before I offer my thoughts, I’d like to clarify a few things.

For example, I would not recommend pacifism as a tool to fight Nazism. I would not demand abolitionists of any era use only peaceful means in their fight for freedom. Should I then demand peaceful measures from the oppressed minorities in America, or are some injustices so grave that the use of force is permissible and even advisable?

The catechism of the Roman Catholic Church lays out clear guidelines for what justifies use of force: the damage inflicted by the aggressor must be grave and lasting, all other responses must be ineffective, success must be legitimately possible and the use of force must not produce greater evil than it destroys. The use of violence in protests for racial justice meets each of these criteria.

Some may argue that other responses could be effective. However, the fact that an entire people group has been denied the dignity and freedoms it was guaranteed more than 200 years ago suggests past methods

(1) Duke’s summer reading assignment is not required. Its purpose is to give Duke freshmen the critical, cross-disciplinary thinking needed at Duke University.

(2) Grasso stated that he objects not to the actual ideas or events in the memoir, but to its visual depictions of sex, which he stated break Jesus’ command against lust.

(3) The discussion between Grasso and his classmates has been “very respectful and considerate,” according to Duke senior Sherry Zhang, who was part of the summer reading selection committee. (Zhang respected Grasso’s right to opt out of the reading, but hoped the freshman would reconsider his decision.)

As I’ve followed this story, I’ve been disappointed (but unsurprised) by the tendency—particularly on the Internet—to use this story as a reason to take cheap shots at people, beliefs, or institutions. Some characterized Grasso as a homophobic conservative afraid to have his beliefs challenged. Others characterized him as a victim of a politicized university bent on forcing him to conform to a set of liberal, secularized beliefs.

Sadly, this kind of antagonistic debate is far less edifying than the

have not been successful.

The use of violence for racial justice is in line with Christian thought on violence, aside from being executed by a legitimate institution. Based on this, the biggest theological criticism of past violent protests is they have not sufficiently organized their use of violence.

Martin Luther King Jr., in his “Letter From Birmingham Jail,” said, “I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro’s great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen’s Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to ‘order’ than to justice.” It is those who demand security who are the biggest impediment to justice.

Black America has a right to extreme anger, and violent protests are a reflection of that legitimate anger. King’s words in his “Letter” outline an excellent framework for understanding this use of violence: “Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and . . . when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.”

kind of civil and healthy dialogue modeled by the Duke freshmen themselves. Many—and I include myself here—were quick to jump to conclusions about this story. In doing so, we risked depriving ourselves of a chance to have a conversation about the questions this story raised.

With that in mind, I thought I’d offer up few big questions before jumping in with an opinion. I don’t have the answers, but that’s why I think they’re so important.

- (1) Does all art teach?
- (2) Does all art influence?
- (3) Can we fully engage art *without* consenting (however temporarily) to its influence or terms?
- (4) Do artists have moral, ethical, or social responsibilities? Does the reader?
- (5) Is it a sin to engage with art (particularly visual art) that depicts things we view as immoral?

Answers to these questions are not easily found, but are worth grappling with. Here are a few thoughts I have.

Reading is an empathetic experience. Storytelling is not an argument. If we reduce a person’s story to a set of beliefs or a single attribute (such as race, sexuality or gender) to

Violence is a means of destroying such dams so justice can roll on like a river. Order is only valuable as a means of ensuring justice. When it fails in that objective, it is morally right to seek justice in a disorderly—and sometimes violent—manner.

If there has ever been a cause which justified force, it is this movement. If you leave moral room for any use of force whatsoever, you must also make moral room for the use of force by black America. Only those in favor of absolute pacifism may reasonably condemn the use of violence in this case, and even they must do so carefully. After all, the Boston Tea Party was nothing more than destruction of property in the fight for liberty and justice.

Of those who condemn violent protests, I ask you to consider your motivation. Do you truly believe all violence is immoral, or is your opinion the result of something else? We must recognize that the moral authority of black America does not come from non-violence but from the righteousness of their fight against injustice. I will pass no judgement on the measures they take in that fight; I only hope justice comes swiftly for all.

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be avoided or debated, we miss the beauty and complexity of the artist and her experiences.

Reading allows us to see each other—and ourselves—as we are. To acknowledge, explore, or even celebrate human sexuality through art is drastically different from exploiting or commodifying (as in pornography). Like other writers, Bechdel includes sex in her memoirs not to arouse her readers, but to be true to her experiences as human being. She asks us to see her as she is—physical, sexual, spiritual, and emotional—and gives others permission to do the same.

Although I disagree with his decision, I respect Grasso’s right to opt out of *Fun Home*. I think the discussion he’s sparked is important, particularly for people of faith. But, like Sherry Zhang, I do hope that he might, one day, revisit his decision and the conversation it sparked. Hopefully, he’ll learn something from it—and, should he post about it on Facebook again, we might, too.

*\*Grasso wrote a blog post about this for the Washington Post. I would encourage you to read it.*  
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“You appreciate the talents that God has given you and God’s promises a lot more after going through hardships and setbacks.”

Women’s soccer triumphant over Saint Francis



Photograph by Fayth Glock

Taylor looks to play first game in newly-named Turner Stadium.

# One last Wagon Wheel

Taylor Football opens season against Anderson

Lincoln Reed  
Sports Editor

A rivalry 65 years in the making comes to a head Saturday when Taylor football opens its 2015 season against Anderson University in the final Wagon Wheel game.

Taylor and Anderson have waged war yearly since 1949. In 1990, the rivalry gained momentum with the introduction of the Wagon Wheel. Painted purple on one side and orange on the other, the wheel itself is an artifact of antiquated farm equipment and serves as both trophy and symbol for the annual game between Taylor and Anderson.

“The interesting thing about this

Wagon Wheel game is that this is the last one in history,” said senior receiver Shawn Lashbrook. “So this is a pretty significant game for both schools to determine who keeps the wagon wheel forever.” Since its inception, the tradition of the Wagon Wheel has favored Taylor with a 13–12 record. The Trojans have possessed the wheel for the last seven years. Anderson last won the wheel in 2007.

For Taylor, however, the rivalry and Wheel are not the main focus of this weekend’s game. The Trojans spent their offseason focusing on player and team development. Since December, the team has emphasized improving fundamentals and strength training. The long offseason, culminating in two and a half weeks of training camp, ends when the Trojans take the field Saturday night. “That opener—rival or not, home or not, at night or not—that’s what matters because we are looking far beyond the Wagon Wheel game . . . it’s just a building block,” said head coach Ron Korfmacher. “It’s not the centerpiece. The centerpiece is the beginning of the season.” Saturday night’s game against Anderson begins a three-game home stand for the Trojans with games against Saint Francis and Butler following in the next two weeks. The final owner of the Wagon Wheel will be decided tomorrow night at 7 p.m. when Taylor opens their 2015 season at Turner Stadium.

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### MEN’S SOCCER

SCHEDULE  
9/4 Saint Catharine 7:00 P.M.  
9/9 Indiana Tech (A) 7:00 P.M.

### MEN’S TENNIS

SCHEDULE  
9/5 Marian 10:00 A.M.  
9/8 Spring Arbor (A) 4:00 P.M.  
9/10 Lawrence Tech 4:00 P.M.

### WOMEN’S GOLF

SCHEDULE  
9/4 Indiana Wesleyan Invitational (A) 12:00 P.M.  
9/5 Indiana Wesleyan Invitational (A) 9:00 A.M.

### WOMEN’S SOCCER

SCHEDULE  
9/4 Roosevelt 4:00 P.M.  
9/5 Georgetown 1:00 P.M.  
9/9 Aquinas (A) 5:00 P.M.

### WOMEN’S TENNIS

SCHEDULE  
9/5 Marian 10:00 A.M.  
9/8 Spring Arbor 4:00 P.M.  
9/9 Grace 3:30 P.M.  
9/10 Lawrence Tech 4:00 P.M.

# Women’s soccer triumphant over Saint Francis

Taylor rebounds from home opener

Kyle Keck  
Sports Writer

An unusual finish at Turner Stadium edged the Taylor women’s soccer team to a 4–3 victory over Saint Francis (IL) on Saturday’s home opener.

Heading into the home opener, Taylor had yet to score a goal in their season. In their previous match, the Trojans were blanked by Campbellsville University 0–4. Scoring in their first game was a struggle, but Taylor found the back of the net four times on their home turf.

“In the second game we took less shots, but were in a much better

goal-scoring position when we took our shots,” head coach Scott Stan said. “The second key was being more calm and composed in those shooting zones.”

Taylor marked its first tally of the year on the scoreboard early in the first half. After rough play in the box, junior Shelbi Lowe knocked in a penalty kick to take a 1–0 lead.

Lowe, plagued by concussions last season, has finally bounced back to full strength. Being sidelined with injuries helped her realize how much the game truly meant to her.

“It feels incredible being back after concussions and migraines,” Lowe said. “I really learned to value the game more, my teammates more and learned to believe in myself. You appreciate the talents that God has given you and God’s

promises a lot more after going through hardships and setbacks.”

Taylor received another penalty kick in the first half, which sophomore Hadlee Yescott netted to take a 2–1 lead into halftime. The Trojans then took a commanding 3–1 lead early in the second half after freshman Maddi Guillaume scored her first collegiate goal.

Saint Francis had no plans of rolling over. The Fighting Saints scored two goals in two minutes to tie the game at three. With 13 minutes remaining, however, an aggressive Taylor offensive attack turned into a blunder by the Saint Francis goalkeeper.

“We kept up the pressure on the other team in front of their goal and forced them into making a mistake that secured the win, and that is a great feeling,” Stan said.



Photograph by Chris Yingling

Sophomore Nikki Zaino prepares to strike on the Saint Francis goal.

Junior Anna Miller also felt great after earning her first career win with a career high eight saves.

“It felt great to contribute to the team and be able to step up and play my position,” Miller said. “I’m

extremely thankful for the opportunity I had to play against Saint Francis.”

Taylor (1–1) takes the field again today when the Trojans host Roosevelt University at 4 p.m.

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# Men’s soccer defeats Saint Francis

Taylor records their first win of the season with a resounding 5–2 victory over Saint Francis.

Lincoln Reed  
Sports Editor

The Taylor men’s soccer team recorded the program’s 300th win Saturday against the University of Saint Francis (IL) with a score of 5–2.

The Trojans took the offensive early after sophomore Sam Hardy assisted sophomore Lewis Nisbet in shooting a goal past the St. Francis goalkeeper in the first four minutes of the game. Nisbet was named the Crossroads League Offensive Player of the Week and collected a total of three goals and two assists in Taylor’s games against Judson and Saint Francis.

“We knew we had to finish them early,” Nisbet said. “We got a goal off in like four minutes. So from then it was just about sealing the game off and closing them out early on.”

For the next 20 minutes, the Trojans possessed full control of the game. Taylor extended its lead when Hardy connected with senior Rocky Byrd at the 24:32 mark for another goal.

“Rocky Byrd was fantastic this weekend,” said head coach Gary Ross. “He’s been on fire.”

Saint Francis rallied two minutes later and managed to sneak a goal past the Taylor goalkeeper to make the score 2–1. Taylor responded at 31:56 when Nisbet

passed to sophomore Gabe Saliba, who skillfully extended the lead to 3–1.

The Trojans ruled the second half and outscored Saint Francis 2–1 with goals by Nisbet and Hardy. Overall, Taylor surpassed Saint Francis with 10 shots on goal and five assists. Moving forward, the Trojans plan to solidify their defense.

“The biggest thing for us is shoring up the defensive shape and making sure that we get our spacing figured out,” Ross said. “Once we do that, I think things will start to look a lot better.”

Taylor looks to improve their record to 2–1–1 when they take on Saint Catharine’s College at home tonight at 7 p.m.

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Photograph by Fayth Glock

Sophomore Sam Hardy heads a ball away from a Saint Francis defender.



Athlete of the Week

Shelbi Lowe

Year	Junior
Hometown	Zeeland, Michigan
Position	Center Forward
Favorite quote	“Does He Love Jesus?”
Funniest teammate	Nikki Zaino & Megan Kammer (but primarily Nikki)

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